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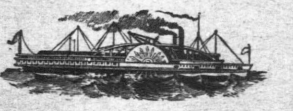

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Monday	12	12 noon	3.00 pm	Tues'd'y	13	7.30 pm
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Friday	16	2.00 pm	5.00 pm	Saturd'y	17	12 noon
Monday	19	4 30 pm	7.30 pm	Tuesday	20	2.00 pm
W'd'sd'y	21	6.30 pm	9 30 pm	Th'r'd'y	22	4.00 pm
Friday	23	7.30 pm	10 30pm	Saturd'y	24	5.00 pm
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The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Monday, July 1st, 1907.

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LOCAL OPTION OPINION

How the Project Was Viewed by a Prominent Public Man of This State

QUESTION IS SUMPTUARY ONE

And Sumptuary Laws Are Sure to be Inquisitorial

ALSO, DIFFICULT OF EXECUTION

Halt to Open Drinking Leads to Secret Drinking

Interesting Letter on the Now Pertinent Subject of Local Option, Written by Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, in 1881—Recommendation of Checks Under the License System

In 1881, when the subject of Local Option legislation was urged before the Legislature of Delaware, Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, then a United States Senator from this State, wrote the following letter in response to a letter sent to him by a gentleman of this city:

Washington, D. C., March 8th, 1881.—My Dear Sir:—I do not like to intrude my opinions unasked for upon members of the Legislature.

I agree with you in thinking "local option" laws of very doubtful constitutionality and positive inexpediency.

As I understand them they submit a law to popular vote, in local districts, and this defeats the principle of our government, which is representative in its character and places the whole law-making power in the Legislature and not in the people in their mere numerical force and primary capacity.

If punishment of criminals was to be adjudged and inflicted by "local option," instead of through acts of Legislature executed by judges and juries, it would be held wholly at variance with our theory of government; and yet to apply such a rule to so widespread and daily habit as the use of alcholic or fermented beverages is, in my judgment, quite as unsafe.

So far as my experience goes, a well-regulated system of license, whereby revenue is largely brought in the public treasury, coupled with severe penalties for illicit sale, has proved the most efficient check upon the liquor traffic.

In many respects the question is a sumptuary one, and laws attempting to establish sumptuary regulations become inquisitorial and impossible of execution, so that in those communities in this where they have been enacted they have either aggravated the evils they were intended to prevent or have fallen into contempt and uselessness and been repealed.

The statements I have seen of the real condition of these communites in which total prohibition has been attempted have impressed me very strongly in confirmation of these views.

Personal influence, and example and precept, and the reconition of the great truth intemperance in the use of stimulants of all kinds is a morbid physical fact both in cause and effect, is in my judgment the proper view to commence with. Statistics abundantly prove that the attempted suppression by statutes of the use of alcholic stimulants is accompanied by an increase in the use of opiates; and that open drinking being stopped, secret drinking ensues.

I do not believe any man has a greater horror of intemperance than I—and my appreciation of its dangers and evil effects grows with my experience of human affairs: but the graver the evil, the more essential to apply the right principle to its cure, and for the reasons I have stated, and many others I hope the experiment of "local option" will not be tried by our Legislature, but increased checks under the license system be continued.

Yours sincerely,
T. F. Bayard.

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MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND'S BIG ENTERTAINMENT

Former Residents In This State Invited To Attend Old Home Week

Maryland is sending invitations to her sons and daughters scattered everywhere to come to a grand reunion, and is making extensive preparations to give them a week of right royal entertainment when they come. Old Home Week covers the dates, October 13 to 19, and there will not be a moment of that time that will not thrill with the spirit of hospitality for which the Old Line State is famous.

The celebration will include a number of spectacular features in baltimore such as an electrical pageant, a grand military and naval display, a gathering of patriotic societies, a parade and ball by the fraternal orders, a big concert, a night carnival, etc. There will also be a special pilgrimage to Annapolis on Peggy Stewart Day, which falls in Old Home Week.

The visitors to the capital will have an opportunity to inspect the magnificent new buildings of the United States Naval Academy and the remodeled State House of historic associations.

The New Baltimore, which has sprung from the ashes of the disastrous fire of 1904, will not be the least of the features that will afford delight and will surprise the returning sons and daughters of the benefit of special transportation rates granted by railroad and steamboat companies, arrangements are on foot to secure for the visitors the privilege of a side trip to Jamestown without extra charge.

Every former Marylander of whom the Maryland Home Coming Association secures information will receive a special invitation to attend the homecoming. These invitations are being sent by Governor Edwin Warfield in the name of the State. All persons who have information of the whereabouts of former Marylanders are urged to promptly foward such names and addresses as are in their possion, to the Secretary of the Association, 602 Fidelity Building, Baltimore, Md.

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WHIPPING POST A FAILURE

Meserve Emphatically Denies Rumors Regarding His Conduct

With a flash of his eyes that indicated the utmost earnestness in his subject, and his every word voicing disapproval of the whipping post as a means of reforming the State's criminal classes, Asmond S, Meserve, late chief warden of the New Castle county workhouse, declared Saturday night that he could no longer stand as an agent in carrying out this form of corporal punishment. In short, the Delaware whipping post has forced out of the management of the New Castle county workhouse one of the most efficient prison officials in this section of the country. Coming in the wake of a craze of almost general condemnation of Delaware whipping post, the statement of Mr. Meserve is likely to crystallize into a local sentiment that will result in the abolishment of the post here.

Since the public announcement on Friday of Mr. Meserve's resignation as chief warden of the workhouse, rumor has had it that he was forced to resign because of alleged improper conduct toward female prisoners in his custody. These rumors have been emphatically denied, and Mr. Meserve finally scattered them to the winds when he gave out his reasons for resigning the chief wardenship of the workhouse.

"I cannot longer stand for the Delaware whipping post," he said.

"I have made a very careful and unbiased study of the effect of the whipping post on men of this class and have come to the conclusion, beyond a doubt, that it is all bad. I cannot recall a single case in which it was not bad. It brings out in a man all that is revengeful and hurtful and he arrays himself against law, order and society," continued Mr. Meserve.

Other reasons for resigning his position Mr. Meserve said were that he was no longer able to carry the great responsibility which the successful management of the workhouse now demands, and the fact that the salary of the office is not sufficient.

Mr. Meserve retired from the management of the institution on Tuesday following a meeting of the trustees at which his reasons for his action were fully set forth, the accounts of the workhouse audited and personal expressions of regret exchanged at his departure from the State. Leonard Crawford, the present first deputy warden of the workhouse will succeed him.

Mr. Meserve leaves the workhouse after eight years of service during which time the cause of prison reform in this State has been greatly advanced. Today there are in the institution 316 prisoners, including 27 from Kent and 18 from Sussex county. Perfect discipline is maintained and everywhere the prison is referred to as a model institution. Mr. Meserve came here eight years ago from Wellsboro, Massachusetts, to become chief warden of the Ferris Industril School Wilmington, and later became chief warden of the county workhouse. He always had the unanimous support of the workhouse trustees in his management of the institution, and leaves the position with the regrets of every member of the board. His new position with the Pauley Jail Company, of St. Louis, will take him to Burlington, Vermont, and later to Winnipeg, Canada, in which cities he will superintend the construction of prisons, similar to the New Castle county workhouse for the Pauley company.

The whipping post, which Mr. Meserve declares has failed as a reformatory agency, has been a Delaware institution for more than one hundred years. In its early days it no doubt was a corrective agency in the punishment of thieves and robbers, and is so considered by many persons to-day. There has developed a widespread sentiment against it in these modern times, however, and at a recent session of the Legislature the wisdom of abolishing it was fully discussed, but the Legislature failed to abolish the punishment. Pillory punishment, however, was abolished.

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THE SECRET OF LOOKING YOUNG

Most women, if they were asked by a fairy godmother to choose three gifts she would bestow, like the old story of our childhood, most probably would demand wealth, beauty and perpetual youth. At all events, whatever else they did not desire, they would certainly value the durability of a youthful appearance.

No one seems to be careful enough in keeping control over the appearance. One is far too apt to frown and look serious, thereby implanting wrinkles and lines, which once come are most difficult to efface, whereas with a little trouble and forethought these signs of age need not be implanted for some years.

Pose and expression have a great deal to do with a youthful appearance, and, having realized what in these is most useful in retaining juvenility, our advice is to follow it closely. Looking downward and bending the chin a little inward is fattening to the neck, and women should never neglect to massage the wrinkles, when they do come, the contrary way. If in speaking, standing or sitting, we hold the head up we take some years from our appearance, whereas by bending our necks the wrong direction we implant lines in the throat.

Figure is a great element in juvenescence. It is wise advice to take care that your stays are of the best make, drawing the waist in well at the back; pressing it in, in fact, retains the girlish appearance which all desire to emulate, for it is perfectly true that a woman is as old as she looks.

The more sprightly a woman is the more signs of vitality she has about her, the younger she seems. She must move with an elastic step, and there is a great art of sitting and rising in a youthful fashion. As age approaches one has to struggle for equilibrium, so a woman must study how to balance the body. It is necessary to sit down gracefully, not in haste, and in such a way that one does not lose one's balance and when rising let the feet be well under one and let the body spring up lightly, not holding on to the chair, as one do, perhaps by instinct, as the years go on, but remember in getting up, the pose of the feet. It is worth while to practice certain balance exercises, which help greatly in retaining elasticity of movement. One must remember that one cannot keep the equilibrium unless the body is properly pivoted. Let the feet be well poised first before one rises and then the body will get credit for sprightliness which means youth.

Women are so apt to look in their mirrors and see only the front of their faces. As a rule, it is the profile that shows age, and there are certain lines and crows' feet which will come very early in life that massage keeps down. But one forgets or fails to see the tiny wrinkles that come even before one knows.

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Reduced Rates to Saratoga Springs Account G. A. R. Encampment

For the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., September 9 to 13, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Saratoga Springs from all stations on its lines September 7 to 9, inclusive, good returning to leave Saratoga Springs September 9 to 17, at *reduced rates*. Stop overs at New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington will be granted on tickets reading via those cities.

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THIS OFFICE

LOCAL OPTION IN SALISBURY, MD.

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The most flourishing town on this peninsula is Salisbury, Maryland, with its population of between 6,000 and 7,000. It is a town of beautiful homes, well-kept streets and handsome stores, but nothing impresses a visitor there more than its thrift. The spirit of prosperity, of progress, seems to pervade the whole community. It is truly a business town, a booming town, a town filled with live people. It is a town conspicuous for the absence of idleness, and the presence of industry; a town that has in the interest of prosperity and morality, driven the saloon out, and stands ready and willing to refute any assertion in favor of the saloon, which the whiskey element may make.

Every man I met there, and I talked with scores of them on the subject, told me that local option is the greatest blessing that ever came to Salisbury.

I talked with men who were strenuously opposed to local option when the question was first submitted to the people and found them now to be among its strongest advocates. I recall one prominent lawyer, who stood with the whiskey element, and aided in the fight against local option. I heard him say frankly, "Local option has been a benefit to Salisbury." I heard a man say, who in former days has kept a saloon there, that the town had improved in a marked degree, both financially and morally, since it went dry.

I saw one prosperous merchant who fought local option here because he honestly believed it would ruin his business. He was outspoken and severe in his denunciation of it. He declared he would close his store and move away should the town go dry. Now instead of closing the store, he has opened another one of the same kind, and both stores are doing a thriving business.

And what fine places of business they have in Salisbury—not shops, but city stores, with their several departments and conveniences. Not occasional customers, merely dropping in for a small and urgent purchase, but counters crowded with shoppers.

A Talk With Mr. I. S. Powell

The firm of R. E. Powell & Co. is one of the largest in Salisbury. They do a business of between $200,000 and $300,000 a year, and their place of business would be a credit to any city in the country. I met Mr. I. S. Powell, of the firm, and said to him:

"Mr. Powell, the saloon element is claiming that local option injures business. What have you to say about that?"

"The man who says that does not know what he is talking about," said he, "and to the intelligent business man makes himself absurd. We were met with that same cry right here in Salisbury. Business men declared that local option would kill the town. Well, instead of that there is not a business in town that has not vastly increased. Business was never so prosperous as it has been in the past two years under local option."

"How about the morals of the town?" I asked.

"They have necessarily improved with the banishment of the saloon," he replied."

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THE COLOR OF HORSES

Arabian horses are more apt to be chestnut, sorrel or light bay than gray. Generals and circus men select white horses because they are more conspicuous than darker animals. It is true that the Percheron heavy horse is in some respects preferable to the Shire and Clydesdale of England, because their feet are better and they have a springy walk.

This is due to the mixture of Arabian blood away back, but the owner of the Shire or Clyde will tell you that the Percheron's knees are not so reliable as those of the English horse. There are about as many black percherons as there are gray. If Joan of Arc rode a milk-white, she did it because he was old and steady (no colts are white) or because the white was in accordance with her riding-habit. It is true that St. John saw white horses in heaven but he also saw red horses and black horses and yellow horses and one pale horse.

The biggest, finest and whitest mules in the world are in Madrid; in Vienna and Budapest the carriage and coach horses are all big iron-bays, but the running horses are generally sorrel or light bay, with an occasional black. In Berlin the coach teams are bay or brown; in France the carriage horses are bay and brown, but heavy coach and team horses are gray. In England bay, black and brown predominate, except on the race-tracks, where they are, as everywhere, mostly light bay, sorrel or chestnut.

The late Queen's great coach team were eight gray creams with white trimmings. In the army dark colors are preferred for calvary and artillery, as they are easier groomed and less conspicuous in battle. There is no other so beautiful a carriage team as white horses; the trouble, though, is to mate them, as no young horses are ever white

Gray Eagle was for a time the rage in Kentucky, but Kentucky racehorse men do not like gray any more. Old Eclipse was a sorrel; so was Flying Childers; so was Blair Athol. Norfolk was a bay, Lodi a black, True Blue a "wine-colored" bay. Joe Daniels was, like Lexington, a pale bay. Four well matched bays make a beautiful team, but one gray in a four-horse is a color misfit. The hackneys are almost all bays. Colors in horses are much a matter of fashion.

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"BUSINESS" AND THE PRESIDENT

If any trust corporate interests have been damaged by rebate legislation and rebate prosecutions, the receipts of railroads, the dividends of shareholders and the opportunities of the average business man have all three men been improved by the elimination of rebates.

The big trusts got rebates. No one else did of late years. The great body of rebates in the country was taken by a few corporations, the Standard Oil being the worst sinner. These rebates robbed three classes. They forced the railroad to carry freight at a ruinous rate. This is the reason why the Chicago & Alton helped expose the Standard Oil which has forced the railroad to carry oil at 6 cents when the legal rate was 18 cents.

These rates not only deprived the railroads of revenue and made necessary enormous share and bond issues to improve and maintain their plant, but they reduced dividends. For years no big trust corporation paid the scheduled freight rate. At the end of this system a single steel plant on the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, built up by rebates, was capitalized and sold for more than the share capital of the road.

LOCAL OPTION IN SALISBURY, MD.

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What a Pominent Politician Said

I stopped on a street corner to speak to an acquaintance, and soon a number of gentlemen passing, joined us. I spoke of their beautiful town, and of the prosperity that prevailed here. Presently, one of Maryland's prominent politicians came up, and I was introduced to him. Continuing my remarks. I said, "I presume local option has not worked any harm to your prosperous conditions."

Each of them quickly answered me that local option is of immeasureable benefit to every condition, public and private when the politician spoke up.

Said he, "My dear sir, the elimination of the saloon has worked wonders in Wicomico County in two years.

A few years ago we had thirteen saloons here in Salisbury, and they almost ran the town. We woke up to the fact that our town was being rum-ruled. The saloon dabbled in our public affairs, put their creatures in our councils, and boards of direction, and endeavored to dictate our policies.

"We looked around us for some relief from this condition, and at length got a law passed taking the granting of liquor license out of the Circuit Court, and putting it in the hands of the Levy Court. By this means, we reduced the saloons to five."

"While this was a decided move in the right direction, still it did not materially effect the evil. Five saloons were just five too many for the peace, good order, and prosperity of our town. But it proved an entering wedge, and two or three years ago we struck it the final blow and split the evil wide open."

"How are the finances of your country under local option?" I asked him.

"Excellent!" he exclaimed. "Far better than they have ever been. Assessable property has almost doubled in value. We are making public improvement all over the county, appropriating more money to our schools, making them better, and we are not compelled to borrow a cent for anything. We are spending $60,000 in the county this year, as against $52,000 last year, and we are better able to do it."

"What is your county tax rate?" I asked.

"Lower this year than it has ever been—about 85 cents," he said. "That means the whole county tax, you understand. We do not levy separate taxes, as you do, such as school, county, &c., but we levy a general tax, at a certain rate, and then appropriate out of the whole fund for the several purposes."

"How do you account for this improved condition in your affairs?" I asked.

"It costs us practically nothing to look after criminals and paupers which are produced by the saloon. Let me tell you something. In 1903 and '04, the Magistrate's office in Salisbury was worth $1,000 a year in fees, the result of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. To-day, it is not worth $300. Bad for the Magistrate, you will say, but fine for the town."

"How about speak-easies?" I asked.

"They absolutely cut no figure," he replied. "They cannot flourish in a town without somebody knowing it, and by and by everybody knows it, and—well you know there is but one way to deal with them. Speak-easies do not flourish here. We do not permit them to exist. That's all there is to it. What disturbs us most is the drunkenness and disorderly conduct that comes here from Delmar in your state, and from Worcester our neighboring county, which is wet. Nine out of every ten drunks that are seen here come from one or both of these places."

"Well," I said, "Delaware is going dry next fall."

"And so will Worcester county, I am sure," he said.

As I thanked him for the information he had given me, and turned to go, he said: "I hope you will not think, from my earnest speech, that I am what is termed a temperance crank, I am not. In fact, I used to be accused of leaning a little the other way. No, I have lived here under both conditions, and am but relating facts. When you go back to Delaware, and talk to your voters, tell them that the people of Salisbury say—and I am sure I voice the sentiment here—that from a business, moral and political standpoint, local option is the thing."

An Individual Instance

A prominet lawyer in Salisbury told me of a notorious drunkard, who when the question of local option was being agitated, denounced it in the most scathing terms, because, he said, it robbed men of their rights and privilges. By and by, it came to his knowledge that his son was drinking hard, and one night they brought the son home drunk. Things grew from bad to worse, until it was a common thing to see the young man intoxicated on the street, and no unusual thing to see him led home in a semi-drunken stupor. It almost broke the father's heart. He had never contemplated this condition. One day, he went to the lawyer who was one of the most potent forces in Salisbury in the work of local option, and said to him, with tears in his eyes:

"I have come to ask you to do everything in your power to drive the saloon out of Salisbury. I am but a poor drunkard, past all reform, and shall soon go the way of all inebriates. But my boy, my boy! My God, they will ruin him."

Since the local option law has been in operation this man has stopped drinking and is a sober, respectable man, and provides well for his family. The reason for his reformation is not because of a moral change of mind, but because the temptation of the saloon is removed, and liquor is hard to get. The boy has thoroughly reformed.

What Dorman & Smyth Said

I had never met either member of this firm of prosperous Salisbury merchants. As I entered their office, in the center of the large store, where both were busily engaged, I imagined they took me to be a traveling salesman soliciting an order from them. When I stated the purpose of my call upon them, they at once became interested.

I said, "I have come from Delaware, where we are getting ready to try local option, to ascertain, if possible, the good or evil, resulting from it in Salisbury."

"Nothing but good, great good, has resulted from local option here," they said. "Even its most violent opponents, if it have any to-day among our people, cannot deny that it has wonderfully benefitted both the business and the morals of our town."

"Our own business has steadily increased in the past two years, and the general thrift of the whole community is far better."

"If you desire a sharp contrast between the dry and the wet conditions, ask the small grocer, and he will give it to you. His, perhaps, suffered more than any other business when rum was sold here, because the saloon caught all the dimes and nickles of the workingman. Now, under local option, he gets them."

"Conditions generally have improved?" I said.

"Oh, no mistake about it," they replied. "Every condition is immensely improved. Drunkenness is practically unknown; disorderly conduct is swept away, and the grade of morality is higher. Property has increased in value; the home of the poor man is in better condition, and his wife and children properly clothed and fed. Yes—the citizens of Salisbury are firm advocates of local option."

L. W. Gunby Expresses His Views

Who have not heard of L. W. Gunby & Co., manufacturers and jobbers of machinery and hardware? Their business right here in Salisbury has grown to be one of the largest of its kind in the United States. I found Mr. Gunby in his office, and when I stated the object of my visit, he quietly laid down his pen, and facing me, said:

"You are engaged in a very noble work. I do not know of any greater service you could render the people than to convince them of the great benefit derived from local option, and induce them to adopt it.

"Of course, you are aware that there are no whiskey saloons in our town or county, and the result is we have a happy and prosperous city and vicinity. The financial and moral improvement is so marked, that the question of ever selling again in our midst alcoholic drinks is not heard of.

"Salisbury has developed more in population, finances, and morals since the saloons were closed (some two years ago) than for ten years before, and every improvement has been for steady good. What better could we ask?

"I am a director in two banks, one building and loan and savings bank association, besides conducting a very large mercantile business here, all of which are prosperous and declare large dividends.

"Local option is unquestionably for the public good. It means good health, happy homes and prosperous conditions. I cannot understand why our sister towns on the peninsula do not make our town an object lesson, emulate our example, and enjoy the good fruits."

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LETTER TO G. W. INGRAM
Middletown, Del.

Dear Sir: Why do people send us such tales as this?

D G Smith, Madison, Fla, had his mother's house painted Devoe 11 years ago, and the house looks better to-day than other houses painted with other paint 3 or 4 years ago.

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A reduction of 20 per cent in these popular and serviceable Blue Serge Suits. They have been reduced to $4.00, $6.50 and $7 50 for quick selling.

Cassimere and Worsted Suits.

$20.00 Suits for	$14.00
16.00 Suits for	11.50
15.00 Suits for	10.50
10.00 Suits for	7.50
7.50 Suits for	4.50

Other Suits, one and two of each kind show greater reductions, some few Suits ONE HALF PRICE, others ONE-FOURTH OFF.

NEGLIGEE SHIRTS.

50c, 75c and $1.00 Shirts for **45C.** Some have been exchanged and are a little tumbled up, others slightly soiled. Most of them are 50c and 75c Shirts some few were $1.00, all go at 45c.

PANTALOONS.

Some very pretty styles for young men, light color, cuff bottoms, were $3.00 and $3.50, reduced to just half.

Other pantaloons reduced for quick selling; $1.50 Linen Pantaloons for 95c.

Boys' double breasted and sailor suits, sizes 3 to 16 years, now reduced to half price.

Men's and Women's Shoes.

Men's blucher and vici kid, regular $3.00 Shoes, reduced to $2.00. Angora kid shoes, regular price $3.00, now going at $2.00. Gun metal shoes, regular $3.00 values, now reduced to $2.00.

Men's Oxfords, patent colt skin, a good dressy shoe and one that gives the best satisfaction. This shoe sells everywhere at $4.00, now reduced to $2.85.

Gun metal Oxfords, dull finish, regular price $3.50, now reduced to $2.25.

Ladies' Oxfords reduced just one-half while they last.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE OTHER FELLOW GETS THE SUIT YOU WANT—COME NOW.

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Dining Room Furniture at August Prices

Sideboards

Golden Oak Sideboard, 44 inches wide, 21 inches deep, 3 swell front drawers, one lined; French plate mirror, 30 inches ? 18 inches. Large cupboard underneath. Regular price, $18.50. August price, **$16.00.**

Quarter-sawed Golden Oak Sideboard, highly finished, 50 inches long, 24 inches deep, has 36-inch by 18-inch French Bevel Plate Mirror, three serpentine front drawers, one lined, claw feet, roomy cupboard, cast brass trimmings. Regular price, $39.00. August price, **$35.00.**

Others from $20.00 to $150.00, now **$18.00 to $135.00.**

China Closets

Our showing of China Closets cannot be surpassed. For beauty of wood, high grade finish, style and construction, they are unmatched.

They're in Golden Oak, Weathered Oak and Mahogany.

A few prices are quoted to show reductions :

Reg. Price	Aug. Price
$16.50 ;	**$14.85**
" 30.00 ;	" **27.00**
" 40.50 ;	" **36.50**
" 50.00 ;	" **45.00**
" 59.00 ;	" **50.00**
" 80.00 ;	" **60.00**
" 90.00 ;	" **81.00**

Extension Tables

In Golden Oak, Weathered Oak and Mahogany, round and square shapes. Six, eight, ten and twelve foot extension.

Reg. Price	Aug. Price
$ 9.75 ;	$ **8.75**
" 10.50 ;	" **9.50**
" 15.00 ;	" **13.50**
" 18.00 ;	" **15.00**
" 19.50 ;	" **16.00**
" 31.25 ;	" **28.00**
" 35.00 ;	" **31.50**
" 49.00 ;	" **44.00**
" 54.50 ;	" **49.00**

Dining Chairs

In Dining Room Chairs we also show a great variety of patterns, and the most wanted woods. They are all well and strongly made and highly finished. Prices run from $1.00 to $15.00.

To-day We Mention Two Specials

DINING CHAIR, Golden Oak, cane seat, high panel back, brace arms, gloss finish. Regular price, $1.75. August price, **$1.35.**

DINING CHAIR, Golden Oak, boxed cane seat, panel back, claw feet, extra well made. Regular price, $2 50. August price, **$2.00.**

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Only the best grades will be found here. Years of experience have taught us to eliminate all doubtful qualities. The best is what we aim at giving our customers.

Beautiful tile effects in blues, greens, reds, and woods. Prices include laying.

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Regular price, $2.10 square yd ;	August price ,**$1.80** square yd
Regular price, 1.85 square yd ;	August price, **1.66½** square yd
Regular price, 1.75 square yd ;	August price, **1.57½** square yd
Regular price, 1.70 square yd ;	August price, **1.53** square yd
Regular price, 1.60 square yd ;	August price, **1.44** square yd
Regular price, 1.55 square yd ;	August price, **1.35** square yd
Regular price, 1.45 square yd ;	August price, **1.30** square yd

PRINTED LINOLEUMS

Regular price, 80c square yd ;	August price. **70c** square yd
Regular price, 75c square yd ;	August price, **65c** square yd
Regular price, 70c square yd ;	August price, **60c** square yd
Regular price, 60c square yd ;	August price, **50c** square yd

PLAIN LINOLEUMS

Regular price, $1.10 square yd ;	August price, **94c** square yd
Regular price, .95 square yd ;	August price, **85c** square yd
Regular price, .85 square yd ;	August price, **75c** square yd

OIL CLOTHS

Standard makes, all colors.

Regular price, 50c square yd ;	August price, **45c** square yd
Regular price, 45c square yd ;	August price, **40c** square yd
Regular price. 40c square yd ;	August price, **36c** square yd
Regular price, 35c square yd ;	August price, **30c** square yd

China Department

PARLOR LAMPS REDUCED

A splendid assortment of Parlor Lamps. Newest shapes and decorations. Globes and Bases to match.

Regular price, $ 3.50	August price, **$ 2.90**
Regular price, 5.00	August price, **4.25**
Regular price, 6.50	August price, **5.00**
Regular price, 7.50	August price, **6.00**
Regular price, 8 00	August price, **6.50**
Regular price, 12.50	August price, **10.00**
Regular price, 14.00	August price, **11.00**
Regular price, 15.00	August price, **12.00**

BRIC-A-BRAC SPECIALS

Royal Nippon Vases.	Were $3.75.	Now **$2.90** each.
Royal Nippon Vases.	Were 6.00.	Now **4.00** each.
Royal Nippon Vases.	Were 8.00.	Now **6.00** each.
Vases in Hampshire Pottery, plain or green.		
	Were $2.00.	Now **$1.00** each.
	Were 3.00.	Now **2.00** each.
Moragi Ware Vases.	Were $4.75.	Now **$3.50** each.
Moragi Ware Vases.	Were $5.00.	Now **3.90** each.
Jap Vases from $1.50 to $4.00 each.		
Eocean Vases from $1.00 to $5.00 each.		

BARGAIN COUNTER

Short Beer Glasses	5c each
Lemonade Glasses	5c each
Water Glasses, thin	5c each
Water Glasses, heavy	5c each
Colonial Glasses	5c each
Goblets	5c each
Glass Water Pitchers were 50c to 75c now	35c each
Glass Cake Stands, were 50c, now	25c each

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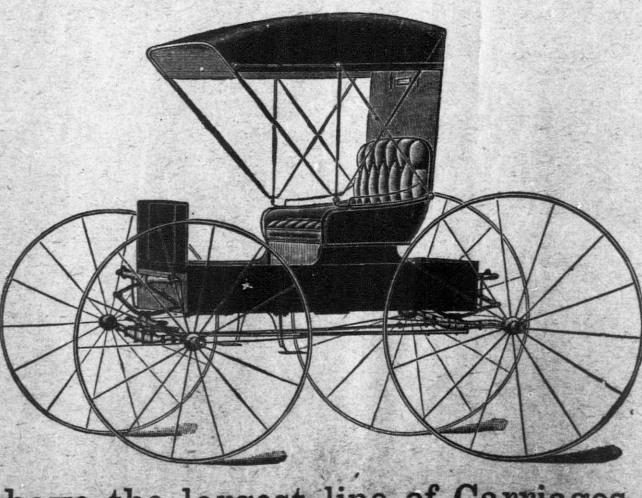

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The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.20 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.50 p. m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a. m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., AUGUST 24, 1907.

Local News

After June 1st the Library hours will be: Tuesdays, 7 to 8.30; Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 7 to 8.30.

Gold Crowns, Bridges and Platework made in my own laboratory. Dr. Johnson.

Houses and all kind of Buildings moved on short notice at reasonable prices.

Z. T. Bradley,
Middletown, Del.

The Sunday School of the Port Penn Presbyterian Church held their annual picnic on Tuesday at the pleasant home of Mr. W. A. McMullen Jr., near Port Penn.

Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown.

The Sunday School of Forest Presbyterian Church gave a Lawn Fete on the church lawn on Thursday evening.

Wide-awake and no pain—either in extracting or filling teeth. Dr. Johnson.

The liquor traffic in the State of Georgia has become demoralized by the passage of a legislative providing for absolute bill prohibition after January 1. Governor Hoke Smith signed the bill Tuesday.

Columbia Disc and Cylinder Records for the month of July will be on sale Thursday, June 27th, at W. S. Letherbury's. Call and hear them played on the graphophone.

WANTED.—Ambitious worker your section to represent large factory. Salary $15 weekly. Good opportunity for advancement. United Mfg. Co., 1033 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain 75c cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. C. Green.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post-office for the week ending Aug. 15th: Ella Janes, H. Harvey, Mr. Robert Hill, Mr. R. W. Walworth.

FOR SALE—20 fine farms in St. Georges hundred, from $1200 to $10,000. Any size farms 10 to 300 acres, some fine homes and well located. Also several farms in Kent County Md., I also have $25,000 to loan at 5 per cent.

Geo. W. Ingram

Mr. J. R. Hoffecker passed his seventieth mile-stone on Monday, 19th inst. On Sunday, he was entertained at dinner at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. A. McCrone, near McDonough, and on Monday his children and grand children were entertained at the home of Mr. Hoffecker.

Do not fail to go on the excursion run to Easton Fair Thursday, September 19th. Leaves Wilmington, Del., at 7 o'clock A. M. and stops at all stations. Many Delaware horses entered. Many new attractions large exhibits of grain, vegetables and fruits, also fancy goods of every kind. Fair begins Tuesday, September 17th and closes Friday, September 20th.

Great interest is manifested in the announcement that the Barlow & Wilson Minstrels are to appear at the Opera House Monday, Aug. 26. Organized in the year 1878, this company has been yearly before the public as one of the superior merit carrying performers who are soloists on their respective instruments which goes to make up a company difficult to surpass. It has kept pace with the times in modern minstrelsy and has made such improvements as would enable them to preformance with a snap and ginger to it that is pleasing to its patrons. Barlow & Wilson spared no expense in properly equipping the company with all necessary adjuncts and the public may feel assured of a performance that is thoroughly up to date in every respect, free from vulgarity or anything that ould suggest it.

The anniversary service of Old St. Anne's Church will be held to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 10.30 o'clock. Processional Hymn, 383, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." Venite. Chant 19. Gloria. Chant 23. Te Deum, Barrett, Benedictas Chant 64. Hymn 176, "For all the saints who from their labors rest." Kyrie, Gloria tibi. Hmyn before the sermon, "The righteous souls that take their flight." Sermon by the rector, Rev. A. E. Clay. Hmyn 450. "All hail the power of Jesus Name. Offertory. Anthem, "Incline Thine Ear," Himmel. Recessional Hmyn 491, "The Church's one foundation."

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO EASTON FAIR

On Thursday, September 19th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a special round-trip excursion train to Easton, Md., County Fair, which is by far the largest fair on the Eastern shore of Maryland. Tickets will be good to return on Saturday. See posters at station for further information. Governor Lea, of Delaware, and Governor Warfield, of Maryland, are invited and are expected there on Thursday. Fast racing and large exhibit of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Many new attractions this season.

TILLMAN TO SPEAK IN DELAWARE

The Hon. Benjamin Tillman, United States Senator from South Carolina, will address farmers at Brandywine Springs Park on Farmers' Day, August 28th, and his world wide reputation will no doubt attract thousands of persons to the park. The Senator will use a characteristic subject "The Race Problem From a Southern Point of View." While in Wilmington efforts will be made to have the distinguished Senator remain for a few hours as the guest of the Democratic League, and the lecture bureau with which he is identified has been communicated with in regard to the Senator's wishes in this respect. Efforts have been made by Democrats for several years to have the Senator visit Wilmington but his lecture engagements made this impossible.

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Genuine Corbit Mixtures—Lazaretto high grade—Special Crown and Potash. Average yield 25 to 35 bushels.

Strictly Pure, Fine Condition, wonderful results. Try them, they will not disappoint you in your crop. This is the verdict for the last ten years. Come see us or write for prices.

Yours respectfully,
Jesse L. Shepherd.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Ada Scott is spending sometime at State Road.

Miss Susie Foard spent last week at Rehoboth.

Mr. William Lingo spent part of this week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown, of Boston, Mass., are visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. VanSant, of Wilmington, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Edith Conrad, of Wilmington, was the guest of friends last Sunday.

Mr. A. G. Cox is spending two weeks at the "Albatross," Ocean Grove, N. J.

Mrs. Leslie Schreitz and daughter, Miss Jeannette, spent this week at Betterton.

Miss Sarah V. Cochran has returned home after a visit to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Petherbridge, of Philadelphia, have been visiting Mrs. A. G. Cox.

Mr. Edward G. Beck, of the *Washington Post*, is visiting his father, Mr. E. H. Beck.

Miss Ethel and Helen Brady are spending sometime among the Catskill Mountains.

Mr. George Scuse, of Philadelphia, spent Tuesday with his nephew, Mr. T. S. Fouracre.

Mrs. H. S. Brady, of Mt. Pleasant, has returned home after a visit with friends at Rehoboth.

Miss Elizabeth Holten has returned from a week's visit with relatives in Georgetown.

Mrs. Frank Davis and two children are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Vandegrift, in Odessa.

Mr. Preston Hardcastle, of New York, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Thomas Cochran, on Crawford street.

Mrs. Harry Ellison, of Wilmington, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs H. C. Ellison at Summit Bridge.

Mrs. Mary Short and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Clayton, were guests of Mrs. H. M. Jones several days last week.

Mrs. A. E. Clay returned last week after a ten days' trip to Brampton, Canada, where she was the guest of her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Stites are spending several days at Kennebunk Port, Me They will return on Monday next, August 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harrington and little son, of Baltimore, Md., are spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran.

Mrs. E. B. Rice is spending two weeks at Ocean Grove, N. J. She is accompanied by Mrs. J. C. Massey and Mrs. V. W. Massey, of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Raymond and little daughter Anna, and Mrs. Clara Raymond, of Schenectady, N. Y., were guests of Mr. T. S. Fouracre and family the first of the week.

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Clay received a telegram last week from Sam Houston, Texas, announcing the birth of a daughter to Lieutenant and Mrs. Walter H. Rodney, on August 9th.

WOMAN HAS TWO HUSBANDS

Mrs. Cora French, of Marydel, believing her husband of years ago, John H. Hoffman, to be dead somewhere on the high seas, recently married John B. French. The couple started out on their new life extremely happy. So was Hoffman hapy, about the same time, but in the prospect of soon returning to Cora, his wife, and basking in her smiles while he rested awhile on his hard-earned savings.

But mere man only proposes while God disposes. Back came Hoffman last Wednesday with a smile which it would seem would not wear off, but the smile vanished and was succeeded by a thunderous frown when he saw the sign on the mat and observed the smiling wife in the arms of another man, and her legal husband, she supposed.

Just here is where Hoffman took a different tack from Sailor Arden. Instead of swallowing a big gulp in his throat and going off without making known his identity, he drove to Denton and brought the strong arm of the law upon the man whose "hat is hanging on the rack where his hat used to be."

He charged his wife with bigamy, and Magistrate Z. P. Steel, seeing both husbands sitting before him, both regularly married to the defendant, had to hold her for action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Hoffman-French was tremendously worked up and naturally indignant over her arrest, and sworn to the court that her husband was dead, that he had apparently disappeared from the face of the earth, and she had long since given up all hopes of ever seeing him again.

"And yet there they both sit; here they both are, each married to you by a clergyman!" exclaimed the magistrate, and instead of the three happy persons that had existence last week, there went from his office three of the most unhappy and cast-down human beings imaginable.

TOWNSEND

Miss Elizabeth Darmon, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Ella Maloney.

Miss Margaret Lee and daughter, Miss Ethel, have returned home from visiting relatives near Smyrna.

Miss Emma Choate, of Newark, is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Jones are spending a week with relatives in Bridgeville and Seaford.

Mrs. W. N. Watts spent Wednesday with Miss John Carpenter, near town.

Mrs. W. Harmon Reynolds and children have returned home, after a very very pleasant visit with her grandparents at Fairmount.

Latimer Satterfield is very ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. M. B. Donovan is visiting in Houston and Selbyville.

Miss Lillian West has been visiting friends near Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Bar Weldon, of Wilmington, returned to their home, after spending sometime here.

Mrs. Christopher Thomas and little daughters, of Centreville, Md., visited Mrs. B. M. West on Wednesday.

Mr. Lloyd Knotts visited friends and relatives at Dover over Sunday.

Rev. F. C. MacSorley is entertaining his son from Baltimore.

Both excursion to Atlantic City and the excursion to Brandywine Springs were well represented by folks from Townsend.

Quite a number went on the excursion to Rehoboth Thursday, as it was the last one of the year.

ODESSA

Mrs. F. B. Watkins and children are spending sometime with friends in Trenton, N. J.

Mrs. Walter V. Woods and nice, Miss Mariam Mifflin, left Saturday last for Rehoboth, where they will spend sometime.

George W. Heldmyer has returned home after spending a few days of last week at Rehoboth.

Mrs. Frank Davis and little sons, of Middletown, are spending this month at the home of her parents, Mr. Harrison Vandergrift and wife.

Mrs. Lee Sparks, of near town, is entertaining her mother, Mrs. A. Williams, of Philadelphia, this week.

I. G. Webb and family entertained on Sunday last Frank Downs, of Philadelphia.

Little Miss Corrine Kielkoff is spending sometime in Philadelphia, guest of her cousins.

Miss Edna E. Ewell is entertaining her friend, Miss Jessie Cochran, of Baltimore, this week.

Miss Beulah Cleaver, of Wilmington, is spending two weeks with her many friends.

Miss Ella Berry has returned home after spending some time with her sister at Kenndyville, Md.

Mr. William Rose, wife and little daughtar, of Wilmington, spent one day of last week with their sister, Mrs. O. C. Stevens.

Miss Mary Bingnear is entertaining her friends, Miss Eva Franks, of Philadelphia, this week.

Mrs. J. Tracey and son Courtney, of of Philadelphia, are spending sometime with her mother Mrs. S. Gremminger.

Mrs. Elwood Vinyard and little daughter Grace, have returned to their home in Wilmington, after spending a few days of last week with her aunt, Martha Evans.

Miss Frances E. Husbands of Wilmington, is being entertained this week by Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Givan.

Mrs. Mark Hall and children, of Upland, Pa., is spending sometime with her cousin, Mrs. William Phillips.

Mrs. Martha B. Cattes, of Wilmington, was entertained several days of this week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. William H. Eccles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knotts have returned to their home in Philadelphia, after a visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Marstellus, who have been spending the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Heldmyer, have returned to their home in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Long are entertaining this week at their home Mrs. Harry Long and children of Wilmington, Mrs. Oakley Vinyard and son, of New Jersey, and Miss May Orrell, of Norristown, Pa.

CHESAPEAKE CITY ITEMS

Miss Kate Jewell, of Elkton, is visiting Mrs. T. N. Loraine.

Ward Beaston has accepted a position on the day boat "Penn."

Miss Lizzie Hazel is spending sometime with Mrs. Edward McCoy.

Minnie Bouchelle, of Barksdale, is the guest of Miss Dora Steele.

Miss Ella Williams, of Baltimore, has visiting Miss Lizzie Cooling.

Paul Jones, of New York, is spending sometime with G. W. Kibler.

Miss Anna Hevelow spent several days last week with Miss Mary Foard.

Mrs. Ralph Rees spent several days last week with relatives at Woolford, Md.

Miss Mamie Jefferson is spending some time with friends near Wilmington.

A dance was held at Spa Spring pavilion on Tuesday evening of this week.

Miss Alice Hooper has returned home after visiting friends in Baltimore.

Misses Bessie and Marguerite Loveless are spending some time with relatives at Seaford, Del.

Miss Sara Hickman, of Wilmington, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lindsey.

Mrs. George Padley and Miss Blanche Padley, of Cecilton, spent one day last week with Mrs. M. E. Freeman.

Mrs. James Hopper attended a "Luncheon" at the home of Mrs. Pool near McDonough, last Thursday.

Misses Hazel and Stella Taylor have returned to Haddonfield, N. J., after visiting Misses Lillie and Margaret Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Boulden and daughter Lucie, of Philadelphia, visited relatives in and near town last week.

Misses Jennie and Mary Walters entertained last week Misses Maggie McIntire, Florence Dean and Sallie L. Bouchelle.

Mrs. John Vissers and daughter Ethel, of New York, are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCoy. near Cayot.

Misses Noami Norton and Margaret Miller and John Norton, of Philadelphia, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Misses Joseph Oliver and son have returned to their home in Chester, after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry George entertained a number of young folks on Monday evening last in honor of their guest, Miss Florence Boulden, of Philadelphia. Those who enjoyed the evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. George, Misses Leona, Anna and Linda George, Mabel and Julia McMullen, Clara and Mamie Thorton, Addie Hushabeck, Gussie and Mary Baker, Elizabeth Cooling, Louise Boulden, Margaret Johnson, Lula Moore, of Cherry Hill; Mary Hushabeck, of Philadelphia; Messrs. Mackay and Samuel Hushabeck, Ernest and Leslie George, Aubrey McMullen, Eugene and James Thornton, Carroll Woolleyhan and Robert Baker.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1		Corn—	
No. 2	.82	Yellow, shelled	60
Timothy Seed	$3.00	" cob	55
Clover Seed lb	.15	Oats	60

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	18@20
Country Butter, per lb	28
Creamery Butter, per lb	33
Lard, per lb	11½@14
Live Chickens, per lb	16@20
Potatoes	40

ST. GEORGES

Miss Maybel Clough is the guest of Miss Ida Wright.

Miss Julia Paynter is in Wilmington for a ten days visit.

Miss Maud Clark, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Florence Cox.

Mrs. Owens was the guest of Mrs. Rosetta Crossland on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carrow are spending two weeks in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gam are spending a part of the week at Betterton, Md.

Mrs. Aspril and son are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. John Crompton.

Newlin and Alice Buckson are visiting their uncle William Haman near New Castle.

Howard Crossland and wife spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore.

William Sutton, of Hampton, Va. is spending sometime with A. N. Sutton and family.

Dr. J. R. Milligan who has been quite sick for the past three weeks is improving slowly.

John Lester spent Sunday with his sister Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobs, of Upper Darby.

Miss Elizabeth Clark, of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Janvier and family.

Mrs. Annie Straub is entertaining her daughters, Mrs. Pool, of Farnhurst and Miss Carrie Straub, of New Castle.

Mrs. Hollsworth, of Philadelphia, and Miss Mattie Megarity, of Summit, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckson.

Miss Olivia Paynter returned on Tuesday from Porters, where she has been the guest of her aunt Mrs. Maria Raceine.

Rev. Henry Rumer, former minister here but now of Washington, D. C., will preach in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Mrs. Bendler, of Port Penn, Mrs. Hoop, of West Chester and Mr. Daniel Hibberd, of Chester, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. S. Gam.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones are entertaining his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Port Penn and Mrs. Crozier and Miss Mary Mahaffey, of Wilmington, mother and niece of Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. L. W. Owen will give a musical and literary entertainment in Odd Fellows hall on Wednesday evening, the 28 inst., admission 5 and 15 cents. Mrs. Owens is a woman of ability and we can assure you an evening profitably spent.

National Lodge, I. O. O. F., entertained Ruth Rebecca Lodge and a number of visitors on Friday evening, the occasion being the fortieth anniversary of the initiation of Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative into oddfellowship a very pleasant time was spent in the lodge room, the guests being invited there after the close of the regular business session to hear the address of E. W. Jester, the guest of honor, one of the compliments paid to National Lodge by Mr. Jester was that during the forty years of his membership he had paid about four hundred dollars for dues and other purposes and had never received one cent of it in return and yet he had received a hundredfold benefit from money invested. Mr. Davidson, of Wilmington, made a speech and gave a very delightful recitation. Mr. Merriam's speech was enjoyed by all and the recitation given by Mrs. L. W. Owens, of Denver, Col., founder and president of American Boys and Girls Leauge was heartily enjoyed, after which all were invited to the auditorium where cake and ice cream were served in abundance and a very social time was spent.

CECILTON

Mrs. Lou Steward is visiting relatives in Middletown, Del.

Mr. Frank Revelle spent several days last week in New York.

Miss Lyod, of Fredericktown, and Miss Edna Donley, of Middletown have been the guests of Miss Mary Blackway.

Mrs. W. F. Dawson and daughter, Miss Mary, have returned home, after spending sometime with relatives in New York.

Mr. R. Palmer and wife, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. John Taylor and wife.

Miss Smith, of Galena, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Janie Smith, last week.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son Elgar have returned home after spending a week with her parents, Mr. L. Shockley and wife, in Townsend.

Miss Maude Davis and brother Preston, of Wilmington, are spending sometime with their grandparents here.

Mr. Edward Richard, of Elkton, spent several days last week with his cousin, Miss Mollie Richards.

Mr. S. W. Lusby and wife is entertaining relatives from Philadelphia.

Wallace Freeman, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives here.

Owen Griffith, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Mr. Charles Griffith and wife near town.

Mrs. T. L. Davis, of Wilmington, spent several days with her parents, Mr. S. P. Hoover and wife.

Mrs. Jennie Price is entertaining relatives from Baltimore.

Miss May Price and Mr. Kelley, of Philadelphia, are visiting Miss Hylie Boulden.

Earl Armor, of near Rising Sun, spent several days last week with his cousin, Edgar Dawson.

Mrs. Bromwell and children, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. R. W. Blackway.

WARWICK

Mr. John Lattamous entertained a number of his friends in honor of the twenty-seventh birthday anniversary of his wife, Mrs. Emma L. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake and fruits were served during the evening. Those present were: Misses Emma and Ethyl Vinyard, Mamie L. Merritt, Clara K. Duryea, Asa Lynam, A. Estelle Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Holden, A. R. Merritt, Miss Hylie Boulden, Messrs W. J. B. Lofland, George Pierce, Samuel Hanson., Price King, Charles Duryea, James Davis and others.

Misses Emma and Ethyl Vineyard accompanied by Miss Anna Davis, spent Wednesday at Brandywine Springs.

The Misses Cullom are expected to arrive home to-day.

Mrs. Turner who has been quite ill, is now convalescing. She is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Cullom.

Preaching to-morrow evening at 7.45 o'clock. The public is invited.

Rev. E. Z. King, of Jersey City, N. J., will preach in Warwick M. P. Church, Sunday evening, August 25th, at 8 o'clock.

TEMPERANCE WOMEN TO VOTERS OF DELAWARE

BY MRS. LAURA SAPP.

How sad the fate of our loved State,
  Dear Diamond State of Delaware,
If rum shall rule and legislate
  Within the halls of Delaware,
We know you love this commonwealth;
And would not yield her rights for pelf,
But stand for truth, instead of self,
  True hearted men of Delaware.

The time has come when each must stand
  Firm as a rock, in Delaware.
To drive this monster from our land,
  And free our fettered Delaware,
You must not one iota yield,
For if you do the fate is sealed
Of those you love, and seek to shield
  From blight of rum, in Delaware.

The havoc wrought by this great curse
  In hearts and homes, in Delaware,
Surely, perdition can't be worse
  Then now endured in Delaware,
The many slain, year after year,
Makes brave hearts throb and quake with fear.
But who's responsible now is clear
  To every mind in Delaware.

We long have prayed and tried to work,
  For temperance in Delaware,
To bravely go and never shirk
  Where duty called, in Delaware.
Tho' we can only work and pray,
But you can VOTE the curse away;
We know you will election day,
  And freedom bring to Delaware.

Harrington, Del., August 19, '07.

Sheriff's Sales

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Levari Facias to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the National Hotel, Middletown, New Castle County, Delaware,

ON WEDNESDAY,
THE 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1907,
at 4.30 o'clock, P. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz:

All that certain farm or tract of land situate in St. Georges Hundred, in the County of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows to-wit.

Beginning in the public road a corner for land of Benjamin Armstrong; thence partly with said Armstrong and John Brady, south seventy-one degrees east crossing the Delaware Railroad eighty-seven perches to a stone, a corner for said Brady; thence with the same north seventy-six degrees east thirty-one and six-tenths perches to a stone another corner for said Brady with the same north nine and three fourths degrees east sixteen perches to the Run of a Branch; thence with said Run, north seventy-two and a half degrees east two perches to James Mansfields land, with said land and a ditch cut for the Run of said Branch, north thirty-one degrees east twenty-six perches south eighty-nine degrees east one and six-tenths perches to a stone on the south side of the said Run or ditch a corner for Brady and Brothers; thence north ten degrees east crossing said Run six perches to a stone in the cripple, a corner for Brady and Brothers; thence therewith north thirty-eight and a half degrees west, twenty-seven and eight-tenths perches to a stone north two degrees east one hundred and seven and three-tenths perches to a post south eighty-two and a half degrees west crossing the said Railroad sixty-two perches to the said public road, a corner for lands of Major John Jones; thence with said Jones, north eighty-three and a fourth degrees west sixty-two perches to a post, south forty-seven and a half degrees, west twenty-two and three-tenths perches to a post; thence south eighty-two degrees, west nighty three and six-tenths perches to a dead spanish oak, a corner for said Jones and land in the tenure of William C. Parker; thence with said Parker, through the woodland south five degrees east, one hundred and fifteen and five-tenths perches to a stone a corner for said Parker; thence with lands of —— south eighty-seven degrees, east forty-five and six-tenths perches to a stone; thence south twelve degrees, west twenty-seven and five-tenths perches to a stone, a corner for Benjamin Armstrong; thence with said Armstrong south eighty-seven degrees east fifty-nine perches to the aforesaid public road; thence with said road north twenty-two degrees east twenty perches to the place of beginning. Containing two hundred and nine acres and seventy-seven square perches of land. Be the same more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Martin B. Burris, Administrator c. t. a. of Benjamin Lloyd, surviving mortgagor deceased and terre tenant and to be sold by

HENRY STAFFORD, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware,
August 23d, 1907.

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Middletown Hotel, Middletown, New Castle county, Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 7th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1907,
At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz:

All that certain tract of land being a part of a larger tract of land belonging to Isaac Walker deceased, which was assigned to James V. Moore, the purchaser thereof by the Orphans' Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle county, on the nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1845, the metes and bounds are as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stone on the north side of the old mill pond or cripple on a line of lands of Gideon E. Hukill also a corner for said James V. Moore's other land; thence for a division line south nine and three-fourths degrees east one hundred and two perches to the out line of the whole tract being the line of the lands of Gideon E. Hukill and others; thence with the said lines of the said tract north eighty-six degrees east one hundred and ninety-six perches and five-tenths to a large old corner white oak a corner for William Gardner called "the spar oak;" thence north two and one-fourth degrees west one hundred and thirty-two perches to a stake in the nortwest branch, a corner for David Staats; thence up and with the water courses of said northwest branch to the public road and old mill pond; thence with the north bounds of said mill pond home to the place of beginning, containing within the said metes and bounds one hundred and eighty acres, be the same more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of William A. Faries, administrator d. b. n. of Thomas J. Lambdin, deceased, William S. Lambdin co mortgagor, being also deceased, and to be sold by

HENRY STAFFORD, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware,
August 20, 1907.

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Alias Devari Facias to me directed will be exposed to public sale, at the Middletown Hotel, in Middletown, New Castle county Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 7th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1907,
At 10 o'clock A. M.

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate at the southwest corner of Catherine and Anderson streets in the town of Middletown, New Castle county and State of Delaware, bounded on the north by Anderson street, on the east by Catherine street, on the south by land of William J. Eliason and others and on the West by land of John Whitlock; having thereon erected a frame building now used for a shirt factory.

Sezied and taken in execution as the property of The Middletown Improvement Company, mortgagor and tt., and to sold by

HENRY STAFFORD, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware,
August 20, 1907.

Nemo
NEW SELF-REDUCING WITH RELIEF STRAP

MESSICK'S!

STOUT WOMEN CLING TO THE NEMO

Self-Reducing Corset!

The hundreds of thousands of women who wear the Nemo Self-Reducing Corset are so attached to it, that they are not interested in the many worthless imitations of this corset now on the market.

The demand for the Nemo Self-Reducing Corset is increasing constantly at an enormous rate, 200,000 pair have been sold since the first of January; just double the number that were sold in the same length of time last year.

There are good reasons for this phenomenal success.

The Nemo Self-Redueing is the only perfect corset for the stout woman. It positively reduces the figure without the slightest discomfort—in fact it produces comfort.

The advantages which belong exclusively to the Nemo Self-Reducing Corset are the result of its patented features—features which no other corset possess.

This corset reduces the abdomen so effectually, that the skirt has to be taken in from 3 to 4 inches when it is worn for the first time.

Physicians recommend it, because it gives a firm support to women who are physically weak.

Deessmakers recommend it because they approve of it as a foundation for a perfect-fitting gown. In fact, it practically makes the stout woman's form over, giving it graceful Symmetrical lines.

Because of its wonderful wearing qualities and of what it accomplishes, this corset at $3.00 is a more economical investment than three ordinary corsets at $1.00 each.

312, for the tall stout woman, of Countil or Batiste, all sizes, - - - $3.
314, for the short stout woman, of Coutil or Bastiste, all sizes, - - -

Have listed only best make Corset in stock.
Grand Duchess, **$1.00.**
Thompson Glove Fitting, **75c.**
New Cresco, **$1.00** and **$1.50.**
P. N., **75c.** and **$1.00.**
R. & G., **$1.00.**
F. P., **$1.00.**
N. H., **50c.**
Nemo, **$1.50** to **$3.00.**

Store closes at 6 P. M. During July and August.

J. B. MESSICK,
Cochran Block, Middletown.

BURSTAN'S POPULAR CORNER STORE

Crimson Bran SHOES For Men

We have just received several new styles in these famous Shoes for Men. These are the best shoes on the market to-day at $3.00 and $3.50. Come see them and be convinced.

Women's $1.50 Shirt Waists to go at 98c. These waists were excellent value at $1.50. We have them in a great many different styles and sizes to go at 98c while they last.

Children's white canvas Oxfords, were $1.00, to go at 50c. Nearly all sizes in the lot. Don't miss this bargain.

MERIT BRAND CLOTHING.

We are having a big success in introducing this well made brand of clothihg. If you need a suit of clotnes for yourself or boy, don't fail to inspect this line of clothing. Men's, Boys' and Youths'.

Men's Merit Brand Suits, $ 5.00.
Men's Merit Brand Suits, 7.50.
Men's Merit Brand Suits, 10.00.
Men's Merit Brand Suits, 12.50.

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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

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September 3 and 17, 1907
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Tickets good going on train leaving 6.28 P. M., and SPECIAL TRAIN of Pullman Parlor Cars, and Day Coaches, leaving Philadelphia at 8.10 A. M., the following day, running via the

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Tickets good returning on regular trains within TEN DAYS. Stop-off within limit allowed at Buffalo returning.

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Crowding Them Out

New Fall Goods are already coming in and we need the room. Big new bargains in Summer Suits. Extra values in Suits for stout men men, sizes 37 to 46. $6 and $7.50 that were $8, $10 and $12. Plain grey all worsted Suits at $7.50, that were $12. Dark neat mixed worsted Suits at $7.50. Single and double-breasted Coats, Broken sizes and small lots of Men's Odd Trousers at $2, sizes 31 to 44 waists, were $2.50 to $4. Choice of our finest mixed Suits at $11.25. $15 and $18.75, were $15, $20 and $25. Boys' Suits and Trousers ¼ off. Outing Suits ¼ off.

OPERA HOUSE
One Night Only
Monday, Aug. 26
Barlow & Wilson
Minstrels.
40 People. 40. 10 Big Acts. 10.
SINGERS.
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COMEDIANS.
SUPERB BAND and Orchestra.
Swell Parade at Noon.
Seats on Sale at Letherbury's
Prices, 25 and 35 Cents.
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GREAT SALE
OF
GIRLS'
WASH
DRESS

DRESS AFTER DRESS CUT to nearly half price. Mothers, School time will soon be here, and the little folks have to be ready for it. You had better come now and have your choice of all styles, all prices, all colors. all sizes. Prices from 25c to $2.98.

A. FOGEL,
East Main St. MIDDLETOWN.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED
By Dr. M. B. Burstan, Optician

Q. Why is it that glasses are worn so much more now than years ago?

A. Years ago the science of optics or correcting errors of sight was not understood as it is today; only old persons or those near-sighted wore glasses. Now we correct with lenses all errors of sight.

Q. Why is it that cheap glasses do not give satifaction?

A. Cheap glasses are so faulty in construction and are of such poor quality, that they distort the vision and cause pain in the eyes. The optical glass used by us is brilliant, clear and perfect, insuring comfort and ease to the wearer.

Q. Can my headaches be relieved with glasses?

A. A personal visit will be necessary. Let us talk it over.

DR. M. B. BURSTAN
East Main St. MIDDLETOWN

NOTICE TO THE TAX-PAYERS
--OF THE--
Town of Middletown!

I beg to call the attention of the Tax-Payers of the Town of Middletown that the taxes for the year of 1906 are now due. All taxes not paid within 20 days will be placed in the hands of my attorney for collection. Please pay up and save yourself the extra cost.

L. C. Scott, Collector.
Middletown, Del., May 10th, 1907.

THE CROO D STICK

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

He nodded. Yes, I must prove it, he said mechanically. His eyes were bent on her, but she did not look up, as she talked on rapidly, feverishly.

So I thought if I warned you, you could be prepared with your proofs. It's not fair to take a disadvantage, and simply on the ground of a chance likeness! But it will be all right now, won't it?

And she looked up. Their eyes met just for a moment, and his softened.

Dear, brave women, he said very low, if I only had the right —if——

He broke off abruptly, and there was silence for a minute. Then he stood up.

Will you come into the music-room with me? he asked roughly. I—I want to say something to you. One can't talk here—one might be overheard, and for your sake that would never do.

She followed him in silence, her heart beating till it nearly suffocated her. In the music room they were far away, and in perfect solitude.

What I want to say to you, he said, turning to her swiftly, is—good-bye. You're the best woman I've ever met, and so that is the only thing I may say to you. I'm not quite a blackguard perhaps. Good-bye.

He held out his hand with a smile, but she did not take it. She only stared at him for one breathless moment.

Why? she whispered.

Because my name was once *Gifford*. You see it was all true.

I don't believe it, she said hoarsely.

I was convicted of cheating at cards. I resigned my commission.

Still I don't believe it! I believe you were inocent all the time. Neither you nor any man shall ever make me believe you guilty! she cried, her eyes aflame, and at her words he whitened. For one minute they stayed thus staring at each other, then—she was in his arms.

My sweet my sweet, he said brokenly, it's no use fighting against fate. They say a man can live down anything, but it isn't always true, Rachel; mud sticks to one too fast for that. I'll go out of your life now. I must, for I wouldn't bring a slur on your fair name for all that the world holds; but, Rachel, some day I'll come back, and I trust everything will be cleared up, and *then*——

She raised her face from his shoulder, her eyes wet with tears yet fearless.

I shall be waiting, she said.

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Latimer, in his stiflingly hot tent, lay on his back and watched the flies with only half-conscious eyes. It was about the only thing he had done for days, and his faithful servant watched him with despair; unless he would rouse himself, make an effort, he would certainly slip quietly out of life, and that was perhaps just what he wanted. The fever which had laid hold of him with such a fierce grip had sapped his strength of both body and mind; all he prayed for was to be let alone. A few weeks ago he was looking forward to getting home in time for Christmas; holidays and, above all, New Year's Day, after all, to him but a time of bitter memories? Let it pass unnoticed.

Before him fleated a vision of that last night at Hastleton. He saw again Rachel Enderby's tear wet eyes and lovely smile; the brave words she had spoken rang ever in his ears, but—*cui bono?* To the end he must remain an outcast among his fellows; the mud stuck too firmly for the horrible thing to be completely forgotten He had seen that irrevocably during the last interview in the Hastleton library, when he had accepted his fate. He was Gifford; there was no denying that fact. He had been convicted of cheating at cards—the woman in the case only made it worse. A grim smile twisted his lips as he thought over the impossible situation. How were *they* to know that he was only a scapegoat after all? He had kept silence for many years, it couldn't hurt him much to keep silence now. Rachel—Rachel believed in him against fearful odds. That ought to put heart into any man.

He propped himself up wearily against his hard pillows as his servent came into the tent with a letter and a newspaper in his hand. The mail was just in.

For you, sir, he said. Will you take your medicine now, sir? The doctor said——

Oh! *hang* the doctor, said Latimer; but there, give me the stuff, Jenkins. I may as well take it, I suppose. And—no, I'll open the letter myself. I believe I'm a bit better.

I'm glad of it sir. You must pull round now.

But Latimer did not speak. He had torn open the letter and cast his tired eyes over the opening words. They brought a light to his eyes, a new strength to his mind and body.

Come back to me, my dearest and best. Now that I know the truth—did I not always believe you to be innocent? I cannot bear my loneliness any longer. The whole world knows now why you kept silence. It was noble of you, worthy of you. Come to me. RACHEL

But if her words gladd we him and put new life into his veins, they also mystified him, till he looked at the newspaper and saw the address was in her clear handwriting. Perhaps, then, there was something—yet what? He tore open the paper, glanced down its columns, and came up short against a paragraph marked with a blue pencil. He read it with eager wondering eyes.

The paragraph having spoken briefly of the death of Marcia, Countess of Strathsay, which at the early age of thirty-two, went on to repeat a confession which the deceased lady had left behind her, with instructions that the document was to be publicly brought before the world. It was a confession that many years ago in a certian hill station she had cheated at cards and made large sums of money in this way; that an innocent man, one *Raymond Gifford*, had been suspected, accused, and convicted in her place; that she had put out no hand to save him, though he had loved her, and that he had never betrayed her to a living being. She could not, the document went on to say, die without vindicating his honor and begging his forgiveness in the most public manner.

That was all.

Latimer drew a long, shuddering breath.

Marcia, Countess of Strahsay, had gone to her last account, and he was free at last.

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Rachel Enderby, in her quiet house in the old-fashioned provincial town, had finished her simple preparations; her house was decked with holly and evergreens; she had sent away her hampers and parcels to hospitals and ragged schools, to nieces and nephews, and to those poorer and less fortunate than herself. Now she was free to sit down and enjoy the luxury of quiet thought.

Two years had passed since that New Years's Day at Hastleton, and Rachel Enderby was Rachel Enderby still. She smiled a little as the memory of a friend's warning words came back to her—a warning spoken not so very long ago.

You've gone through the wood, Rachel—and you'll end by picking up the crooked stick. You should have married and settled down long ago!

Her thoughts flew to Latimer. Now that he was a free man—now that the tardy confession of that unhappy woman had removed the burden from his shoulders, surely he would come back to her, and *then*—the mere thought spelt bliss unspeakable.

He would come back, and she, with her great love and boundless faith, would make up to him all that he had suffered and gone through with such noble silence. Oh! it would be her life's prayer to be worthy of him and his love.

The day had cleared by the time the simple service was over, and a ray of pale sunshine crept out from among the clouds, shining softly on her as she walked homeward. And at the gate her heart gave a wild leap, her eyes became dim; yet surely it was no dream, but a living, glad reality.

Latimer was waiting for her, his hand on the gate.

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Two months later they were married, but Rachel Latimer will never allow what her friends laughingly declare—and Latimer himself joins with them—that she went through the wood only to pick up a crooked stick at the end, for she is supremely happy.

THE TRANSCRIPT, $1 per year.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
OF
St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1906 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of

JOSEPH H. ENOS, IN ODESSA,
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1907,
From 9.00 A. M. to 12.00 M.

AT HENRY CLEAVER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN,
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1907,
From 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

and at the County Tax Collector's Office, South Broad street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday during the month of August from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WALTER BEASTEN,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

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Middletown, Delaware, March 5th, 1906

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1907 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE
AUGUST 24th, 1907,
From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
AUGUST 19th, 1907,
From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT DELANEY'S,
(DAVIS' STORE)
AUGUST 22d, 1907,
From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

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JOSEPH L. GIBSON, Cashier

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1907 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART,
IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
SATURDAYS,
AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1907,
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

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On Tuesday, August 27th, 1907,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

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No. 4.—Maud, bay mare, 8 years old, good farm mare.

No. 5.—Rachel, bay mare, 14 years old, a fine farm mare and in foal.

No. 6.—Dexter, gray horse, 12 years old. This horse will weigh 1200 lbs. and cannot be surpassed as a farm horse.

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Nos. 8 and 9.—Mike and Rock, pair of bay mules, 12 years old. This as good a team as any man owns.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., April 15, 1907.

Upon the application of Mordecai T. Gibson Administrator de bonis non cum testamento annexo of Mary G. Hutchison late of Appoquinimink Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

{SEAL} Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1907, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the Fifteenth day of April 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

MORDECAI T. GIBSON,
Administrator.

Address, Martin B. Burris Esq.
Middletown, Delaware.

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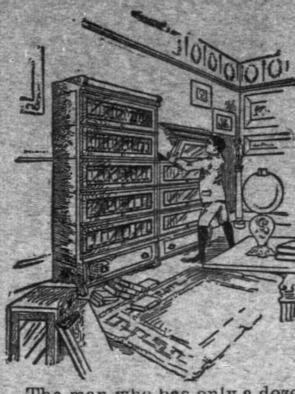

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